

**Idaho State Historical Society
Historical Library, State Archives¹ and Idaho Oral History Center
Quarterly Report - January-March 2003**

Overview:

For the first time in recent memory (and perhaps the first time ever), the L&A has its own "rack card" to use for promotional purposes. The card is a collaboration between L&A staff and Fred Fritchman, and has been distributed to a broad audience, including ISHS workgroups, selected libraries and museums around the state, legislators, and all college and university history departments in Idaho. Additional copies are available for the asking.

Formal notification for the Carey Act grant, funded by the National Park Service and administered by the National Endowment for the Humanities, was received on March 3¹. As soon as the funds transfer takes place, the project will get underway. The final report for last year's NEH Preservation Assistance grant has been submitted. All funds were expended as required, for archival supplies. A new application (due May 15) will be submitted this year, again for archival supplies.

Ongoing projects include: initial processing of Veterans History Project and North Idaho College oral history interviews; processing of addition to Nat J. Adams collection (MS 692); preparation of highway historical marker signs; representing ISHS at various Lewis and Clark celebration meetings; edit *Mountain Light*; add new materials to vertical file; continued processing and indexing of Alturas (AR200), Boise (AR205), Owyhee (AR203), and Logan (AR233) counties territorial records; shelve Secretary of State (AR 3) records; completed shelving of approx. 15,000 Boise City blueprints; update/correct Civil War Veterans list and prepare "re-created" 1890 census indexes in anticipation of posting to the Internet; update legislative card index; work with state and local governments on various records issues; and organize monthly family history workshop series.

Several generous donations of money were received during the quarter: \$500.00 from the Idaho Genealogical Society for purchase of library materials, \$500.00 from the Grace Twombly estate to be used for research about the Muldoon area; and \$300.00 from various members of the Alexander family to be used for microfilming Governor Alexander's scrapbooks.

Personnel:

Dylan McDonald, a recent graduate of BSU's Public History program, has been selected as the limited-service archivist to carry out the Carey Act grant project. Dylan completed an internship with the L&A and processed the papers of Idaho Governor Moses Alexander as his thesis project, so the quality of his work is well-known to staff. Steve Walker and Larry Jones assisted in the interview process for this position.

Christa Klemme, BSU history major, successfully completed her internship with the genealogy program. Betsy Buttram is a new volunteer assisting Steve Barrett with the 1890 census reconstruction project. Volunteer/intern hours donated: 942 hrs.

Gifts, Donations and Acquisitions:

- 1 photograph collection
- 123 (approx. 92 hrs.) oral history interviews, additions to Veterans History project (primarily donations from teacher Gail Chumbley, Eagle High School; Eagle Scout Russell Holmes; and Owyhee County resident Mary O'Malley)
- 259 cu. ft. (approx. 5.2 tons) of government records, including Owyhee and Bear Lake counties, Health and Welfare, Department of Transportation, Juvenile Corrections, Wheat Commission, Department of Education, Developmental Disabilities, and SHPO
- 3 manuscript collections (4.75 cu. ft.), including S.M.A.R.T.A. (St. Maries Retired Teacher Association), Idaho Union of the IWW, and Dale Walden estate
- 16 video tapes

¹ Including Steve Walker's report for the fourth quarter of 2002 which was previously unavailable.

- 1 compact disk
- 155 book titles, including 101 transferred from Judy Austin's office and 34 transferred from BSU (which were part of the Northwest Collection previously held by Idaho State Library)
- 175 periodical titles
- 1 census microfilm roll (the microfilm camera at the Dept. of Administration was inoperational during much of the quarter so no new newspaper micro film was processed)

Other:

New records added to Re:discovery: 251 book titles, 3 manuscript collections, 24 microfilm titles, 160 maps, 2 compact disk sets, 6 moving image titles, 58 oral history interviews, 943 boxes/volumes of archival records, 9 videos, and 1 photograph collection. A total of 46 orders for 210 images were processed for a billing of \$2,811.00 (net \$857.92). Billings for 36 requests for permission to use 149 images netted \$665.00. 13 oral history publications were sold, 2 oral history publications were donated, and sale of duplicate microfilm netted \$2,299.50.

Programs Presented/Attended:

Oct. 4 - presentation on disaster prevention for Idaho Library Association - Steve W. (28)
 Oct. 7-10 - North Idaho records pickup - Steve W.
 Oct. 8 - presentation on disaster prevention for Boundary County - Steve W. (8)
 Oct. 9 - presentation on disaster prevention for Shoshone County - Steve W. (3)
 Oct. 23-24 - eastern Idaho records pickup - Steve W.
 Oct. 24 - presentation on records retention for Bear Lake County - Steve W. (4)
 Nov. 6-7 - eastern Idaho records pickup - Steve W.
 Nov. 7 - presentation on developing an archives for Fremont County Historical Society - Steve W. (8) ,
 Nov. 19 - presentation on records management for Dept. of Administration, Boise - Steve W. and Duane Bogstie (14)
 Nov. 20-21 - records pickup in North Idaho
 Nov. 20 - presentation on disaster prevention for Kootenai County - Steve W. (10)
 Jan. 9 - oral history workshop for Idaho Military Museum, Boise - Troy (4)
 Jan. 10 - "Lewis and Clark in Idaho" for Cultural Network, Boise - Larry (10)
 Jan. 17 - presentation on Veterans History Project for Owyhee County Historical Society, Murphy - Troy (25)
 Jan. 18 - "State of the Library" for Association of Professional Genealogists, Boise - Linda (32)
 Jan. 22 - "Substituting for the Missing 1890 U.S. Census" for workshop series - Steve B. (20)
 Jan. 23 - Legislative reception - Larry, Linda, Steve W.
 Jan. 24 - SHRAB quarterly meeting, Boise - Steve W., Rod
 Jan. 27 - presentation on Veterans History Project for Sons of the American Revolution, Boise Troy (12)
 Jan. 28 - tour of Archives for Ada County officials - Steve W. (3)
 Jan. 28 - History Caucus for legislators - Steve B., Rod, Kathy, Linda (3)
 Jan. 28 and 30 - presentations (4) on Smokejumping and Forest Fire Fighting in Idaho project for JASON conference, Caldwell - Troy (108)
 Feb. 19 - presentation of using the L&A for Anser Charter School and Valley View Retirement Center, Boise - Steve B. and Troy (30)
 Feb. 22 - oral history presentation for the Warhawk Museum, Nampa - Troy (16)
 Feb. 24-25 - records pickup in eastern Idaho - Steve W.
 Feb. 26 - "Conducting Oral History Interviews with Family Members" for workshop series - Troy (23)
 March 3 - Lewis and Clark presentation for Gooding Rotary Club - Larry (35)
 March 11 - presentation on care and preservation of archival materials for Idaho Military History Museum - Steve W. (9)
 March 13 - "Maps of Boise" overview for local Girl Scout troupe - Larry, Linda (10)
 March 11 - "History of Mexican Americans in Idaho" for Mexican American Studies conference at BSU - Kathy (75)
 March 20 - "Researching the History of a House" for North End Neighborhood Association, Boise - Tricia Canaday, Linda (35)
 March 26 - "Finding and Using Civilian Conservation Corps Records" for workshop series - Linda (22)

Calendar of Events:

March 24-28 - records pickup in North Idaho - Steve W., Rod

March 31 -April 4 - records pickup in eastern Idaho - Steve W., Rod

April 4-5 - IAM Folklife workshop, Boise - Kathy, Linda

April 10-12 - joint Northwest Archivists, Northwest Oral History Association, and Society of California Archivists meeting, Sacramento - Troy, Kathy, Linda

April 23 - "Governor Moses Alexander and the Alexander Family" for workshop series - Dylan McDonald

May 28 - "Adopting Cemeteries" for workshop series - Phyllis Lyons and Wilda Dillion

June 25 - "Ins and Outs of Working with English Records" for workshop series - Ron Hill

June 26-27 - "History of Mexican Americans in Idaho" for Sun Valley Center for the Arts - Kathy and Dr. Errol Jones

Patrons/Visitors:

Staff reports that 1,696 patrons signed in at the front desk (compared to 1,991 for the same quarter in 2002). 58 libraries requested materials via Inter-Library Loan services and 768 general reference letters/telephone calls/e-mails/faxes were answered (compared to 848 for the same quarter in 2002). Approximately 87 items held downstairs and 128 collections held at the Archives were brought to the reading room for patron use.

Respectfully submitted,

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